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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (U933E) for Authority to Among Other Things, Increase Its Authorized Revenues for Electric Service, Update Its Energy Cost Adjustment Clause Billing Factors, Establish Marginal Costs, Allocate Revenues, And Design Rates, as of January 1, 2019.

Application 18-12-001

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to August 31, 2020.

1. Background

Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 1701.5(a) provides that the Commission shall resolve the issues raised in the scoping memo of a ratesetting proceeding within 18 months of the date the proceeding is initiated, unless the Commission makes a written determination that the deadline cannot be met, and issues an order extending that deadline. In this proceeding, the 18-month statutory deadline for resolving this application is June 3, 2020.

On December 3, 2018, Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (Liberty) filed this application for a General Rate Case (GRC) for test years 2019-2021.

Protests were filed on December 26, 2018 by the Public Advocates Office and on January 3, 2019 by A-3 Customer Coalition.

A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on January 25, 2019, to discuss the issues of law and fact and to determine the need for hearing and schedule for resolving the matter. The assigned Commissioner issued the Scoping Memo and Ruling on March 6, 2019.

On May 16, 2019, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 19-05-007 authorizing Liberty to use the GRC memorandum account authorized in D.15-12-035 to track the difference in revenue requirement in effect on December 31, 2018 and the final revenue requirement that the California Public Utilities Commission will authorize to become effective for Liberty's Test Year 2019 GRC in this proceeding.

Public Participation Hearings were held on July 24 through 26, 2019, and Evidentiary Hearings were held on December 9 through 11, 2019. Briefs were filed on January 17, 2020 and reply briefs were filed on February 3, 2020. The assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) is currently working on the proposed decision for public review and comments.

Therefore, an extension of the statutory deadline until August 31, 2020, is appropriate to allow enough time to issue a proposed decision for public review and comments, and to allow the Commission enough time to deliberate and issue its final decision.

2. Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review

and comment on the proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Martha Guzman Aceves is the assigned Commissioner and Manisha Lakhanpal is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. This application was filed by Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC on December 3, 2018.

2. A PHC was held on January 25, 2019.

3. On March 6, 2019, the scoping memo and ruling was issued.

4. Public Participation Hearings were held on July 24 through 26, 2019.

5. Evidentiary Hearings were held on December 9 through 11, 2019.

6. Briefs were filed on January 17, 2020 and reply briefs were filed on February 3, 2020.

7. An extension of the statutory deadline to August 31, 2020 is necessary to issue a proposed decision for public review and comments and to allow the Commission enough time to deliberate and issue its final decision.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline in this proceeding should be extended to August 31, 2020.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until August 31, 2020.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.